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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Applicants hereby bring attention to the Examiner the following co-pending applications:

- Serial No. 09/132,022, filed September 10, 1998;
- Serial No. 09/140,296, filed August 25, 1998;
- Serial No. 09/637,095, filed August 10, 2000; and
- Serial No. 09/368,589, filed August 4, 1999.

The references cited were cited in the afore-mentioned case.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided; and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the applications,

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U.S. Serial No. 08/815,301 filed on March 11, 1997 and U.S. Serial No. 09/050,762 filed on March 30, 1998

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner that US 5,726,969 and US 5,878,018 are an English equivalent of JP 9-212917; US 5,764,619 is an English equivalent of JP 10-505188; and US 5,424,106 and US 5,545,454 are an English equivalent of JP 5-298748 and JP 5-298747.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

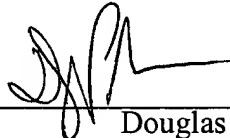
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